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SUBJ: IMV SUPPORT FOR SHAH'S VISIT

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1. TOP NIRT NEWS OFFICIALS REPORT NEWS TEAM OF APPROX HALF DOZEN WILL COVER SHAH'S VISIT: THREE CAMERAMEN, ONE SOUND MAN, TWO-THREE CORRESPONDENTS. CURRENT PLAN IS FOR IRAJ GORGIN, HEAD OF NIRT PRODUCTION WHO IS NOW IN US FOR 1 YEAR SPECIAL TRAINING PERIOD, TO BE IN OVERALL CHARGE.

2. ARRANGEMENTS ALREADY MADE WITH NBC NEWS SIMILAR TO THOSE FOR 1973 STATE VISIT. SATELLITE TIME RESERVED, AND APPARENTLY NBC WILL PROVIDE DARKROOMS, STUDIOS, ETC. THEREFORE EXPECT NO DIRECT IMV ADMINISTRATIVE OR LOGISTIC ASSISTANCE NECESSARY.

3. HOWEVER, HAVE SUGGESTED TO NIRT NEWS CHIEF THAT AGENCY MIGHT ASSIST IN ARRANGING INTERVIEWS WITH US OFFICIALS, SCHEDULING FILMING APPOINTMENTS AT WASHINGTON SITES. HE INDICATED CREW'S TIME LIMITED BUT NIRT WOULD WELCOME ASSISTANCE IF OPPORTUNITY ARISES. GORGIN MAY CONTACT IMV DIRECT; BEFORE DEPARTURE HE INDICATED HE MIGHT CALL ON AGENCY ASSISTANCE IN CASE OF MAJOR NEWS BREAKS.

4. NIRT ALSO INTERESTED IN PRIME TIME TELECASTING OF INFORMATIONAL FILMS ON CITY OF WASHINGTON, SITES SHAH WILL VISIT, US GOVERNMENT

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OPERATIONS. REVIEWING LOCAL FILM ASSETS, BUT WOULD LIKE TITLES

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